Quinine to the extent available with the Department during 1988-89 and 1989-90 was 7.91 tonnes and 9.74 tonnes respectively.

(b) and (c) The export of quinine during 1988-89 was to the extent of Rs, 24.111 lakhs. No exports were made during 1989-90.

Lakhimpur and Dhemaji as zero Industry districts

1466. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare Lakhimpur and Dhemaji as zero Industry districts in Assam;

(b) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration regarding setting of any major Industrial unit in these two backward districts;

(c) if so, the name of the proposed Industries; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Lakhimpur has already been declared a No Industry District by the Central Government. At present, there is no proposal to include any more districts in the category of No Industry District.

(b) to (d) Industrialisation of districts is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. There is no proposal to set up any major public sector unit in the districts of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji.

Kurseong Centre of AIR

1467. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the tact that Kurseong Centre of the All India Radio has failed to serve its purpose due to very weak transmissions; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS); (a) and (b) The existing 20 KW SW transmitter at AIR, Kurseong is reported to be functioning satisfactorily. However, in order to strengthen the radio signal further, steps have been taken to upgrade the power of the transmitter to 50 KW.

Central Agencies working for rural Development

1468. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what are the details of the Central Agencies presently working for rural development in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): Rural Development is Primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments. Besides the State sector rural development programmes the State Governments have also been implementing various Centrally sponsered rural development programmes. The State Governments have also involved various Non-governmental organisations in the implementation of the various rural development programmes.

Subsidies on food stuffs

1469. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are provisions of special subsidies on food stuffs for the border States of North East, Kashmir and Sikkim; and

(b) if so, what are these food items and their respective subsidy rates on them?